Ferrie Held 'Definite Radical'

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tery which caused blood to spill into the brain. Dr. Nicholas Chetta, coroner, then ruled out murder as a possible cause of death. He left suicide, accidental death or natural death as possible causes.

Dr. Chetta said Ferrie's death would remain unclassified until a toxicological report was complete in about a week.

Dr. Ronald A. Welsh, who performed the autopsy and who is a professor of pathology at Louisiana State University School of Medicine, said the "anatomical findings are very clear cut." He added that Ferrie had had a history of high blood pressure ranging from a "moderate to moderately severe degree" and that he had been suffering with "hypertensive cardio vascular disease."

He explained that aneurysms are weak spots in blood vessels and that increased blood pressure can cause them to rupture similar to the inner tube of a tire blowing out.

NO EVIDENCE OF MURDER

Said Dr. Chetta following the autopsy: "There is no evidence of any violence. There is no evidence of murder."

Interviews Thursday at the Lakefront Airport indicated that Ferrie was generally regarded by those who knew him as an undersirable person with whom to associate.

However, those who spoke of him all agreed on one point—Ferrie was an extremely intelligent man, "too intelligent for his own good," said one acquaintance. "He could not come down to the level of the average person."

A. C Crouch, owner of Saturn Aviation Service, said Ferrie had worked for him for about three months last year. "I fired him in November," said Crouch, "because I didn't like those he associated with." Crouch also claimed that Ferrie "had been trying to take over my business."

CHECK ON ACTIVITIES

Another spokesman said a man he believed to be a private detective had been posing as a Civil Air Patrol official at the airport [illegible] prior to the [illegible] with the [illegible] checking on Ferrie's activities. However, he said he did not know who was employing the detective for this purpose.

Only one airport spokesman contacted, Sam Steele, maintenance officer with the CPA's New Orleans Senior Squadron, termed Ferrie as "well liked."

Steele, who said he had known Ferrie for about the past year, said "he never spoke about himself, was a nice fellow and well educated."

The mystery surrounding Ferrie's death mounted when it was revealed that an undated, unsigned typewritten note was found on a table in his apartment.

"TO LEAVE THIS LIFE"

The note began: "To leave this life is, for me, a sweet prospect. I find nothing in it that is desirable, and on the other hand, everything that is loathsome."

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